

A NEW COMBINATION IN HYPOCYRTA, GESNERIACEAE

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The authors who contributed to Martius' Flora Brasiliensis largely ignored the names of Vellozo or, according to the custom of their time, placed them in the synonymy of later species. In the latter case it has been a simple matter to give the Vellozo names the precedence to which their priority entitles them, but in many instances the identity of the Vellozo species has never been established.

In writing the Gesneriaceae for the Flora Brasiliensis, Hanstein placed Orobanche fissa in Hypocyrtia (adnot. p. 412) but did not equate it with any of the species that he described there. However, the relatively short calyx and the long narrow corolla with its inconspicuous gibbosity are the characters that isolate Hypocyrtia selloana from the remaining species and are definitely indicated in the Vellozo illustration.

It might appear a dubious procedure to identify Hypocyrtia selloana described from Santa Catarina with a species from the vicinity of Rio de Janeiro. However, the species has been collected in Paraná, and at Ubatuba in São Paulo, which is quite near to Parati in Rio de Janeiro, the type locality of so many Vellozo species.

HYPOCYRTA FISSA (Vell.) Handro & L. B. Smith, comb. nov.
Orobanche fissa Vell. Fl. Flum. 257. 1825; Icon. 6: tab. 69.
1831.

Hypocyrtia selloana Kl. & Hanstein in Mart. Fl. Bras. 8, pt. 1:
409, tab. 67, fig. 1. 1864.

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